

## **Youth Resource Connections**

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### **Headlines**

**U.S. Department of Labor Awards \$2 Million Grant to Train Entry Level Health Care Workers.** Louisville-based Hospitality Television, Inc. received an award to train entry-level health care workers in the skills needed for upward mobility. The grant is a part of the Administration's High Growth Job Training Initiative, a multi-faceted strategic plan to build a public workforce system that responds to American businesses. For additional information visit: <http://www.dol.gov>.

**The Chamber of Commerce Center for Workforce Preparation Offers Leadership Training.** The Chamber of Commerce Center will host a training workshop, October 26-29. The course is designed to help chambers connect small and medium sized businesses with the resources needed to hire and retain qualified entry level workers, including welfare-to-work participants. To learn more about the training visit: <http://www.uschamber.com/cwp/strategies/course/default>.

### **Program Spotlight**

**Northern Virginia Program Sponsors Youth Employment Center at Shopping Mall.** The Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board (WIB) sponsors "Job Hut" at the Manassas Mall. The center offers youth opportunities for career exploration, information on advanced training and education. This project represents a collaborative effort between the local business community and the WIB's Youth advisory board. Businesses offer support, materials, discounts, and time. Community service providers offer program participation, workshops and classes. For more information contact David Hunn, director of the Northern Virginia WIB at 703-752-1606.

**Arts Program Help Youth Learn Job Skills.** The Artworks! Program in Lafayette, Louisiana offers youth academic enrichment and skills training in the arts. Professional artists teach youth basic arts and integrate it into math and English skills. The Artworks program is a joint effort of the Acadina Arts Council and the Lafayette Parish school system. For additional information contact Glen Dugas at 337-291-7034.

## ***Funding Opportunities***

**The Corporation of National and Community Service Announces the Availability of Funds for AmeriCorps/VISTA Program Grants.** The Corporation will award up to 15 grants to AmeriCorps /VISTA Programs. The purpose of these program grants is to create and expand opportunities for low-income individuals in one of the following areas: (1) children and youth; (2) welfare to work; (3) financial asset development; (4) seniors in poverty; and (5) homeland security. Private non-profit or public organizations are eligible to apply. For supplementary information and application guidelines, visit: <http://www.cns.gov>. **Deadline: August 15.**

**The National Endowment of the Arts offers Arts Funds.** The National Endowment of the Arts has released guidelines for funding opportunities available in the following categories: artistic creativity and preservation grants. These grants are designed to encourage and support artistic creativity and preserve America's diverse cultural heritage. For more information visit: <http://www.nea.gov/guide/GAP04/GAPindex.html>. **Deadline: August 15.**

**The Department of Justice/Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Announces Funds for Girls Study Group.** OJJDP will fund grants for organizations to assemble and convene a Girls Study Group. The purpose of the study group is to develop, test and disseminate strategies to effectively prevent and reduce girls' involvement in delinquency and violence. Public or private agencies are eligible to apply. For more information contact Barbara Allen-Hagan at 202-307-1308 or visit: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org>. **Deadline: September 22.**

**New York City Organization Makes Grants Available to Help Low-Income Women and Girls.** The New York Women's Foundation will fund grants ranging from \$10,000 to \$35,000 to address the challenges of poverty in five boroughs within New York City. The foundation focuses on programs which emphasize economic security. For more information call 212-414-4342.

## ***Websites***

**Promising Practices in Afterschool provides** youth workers with a valuable resource that covers all aspects of creating or improving after-school programs. The website can be assessed at: <http://www.afterschool.org>.

**Rights, Respect, Responsibility Campaign** touts the progressive mission of Advocates for Youth in building the case for adolescent sexual health programs based on complete information and choice (about contraceptives, for instance. The website can be assessed at: <http://www.rightsrespectresponsibility.org>.

**Struggling Teens** is a resource for troubled adolescents and their parents to find programs, schools and support for handling behavioral problems. The website can be assessed at: <http://www.strugglingteens.com>.

**Healthfinder Games** links youth workers to a list of online educational activities for youth. The website can be assessed at: [http://www.healthfinder.gov/scripts/kids\\_games.asp](http://www.healthfinder.gov/scripts/kids_games.asp)

## ***Publications/Reports and Resources***

**The National Youth Court Center** offers numerous publications related to youth court programs. To obtain a listing of available publications, visit:

<http://www.youthcourt.net/publications/overview.htm>

**Audio-Conference Available.** October 2, 2003, 2:00-3:15 p.m. Mountain Time Indian Country-Tribal UAD Initiatives. To obtain more information about the conference, visit:

<http://www.udetc.org/Events-AudioConferences.htm>

## ***Calendar of Events***

**September 2-5. Petersburg Beach, FL.** Interstate Benefits National Training Conference. Contact: Mary Montgomery 202-693-3217.

**September 17-19. Washington, DC.** PePNet 03 Institute and Awards Ceremony. Contact: 202-659-1064.

**September 18-19. Denver, CO.** The Spot: Creating Adolescent-Focused Youth Centers. Contact: 303-507-3230.

**September 22-24. Nashville, TN.** National Youth Court Center. Contact: 859-244-8193 or visit: <http://www.youthcourt.net>.

**September 24-27. San Antonio, TX.** Texas State Foster Parents. Visit: <http://www.tsfpi.org>.

**September 28-October 3. St. Louis, MO.** The University of Missouri Community Development Extension Program. Community Development Academy. Contact: (573) 882-6059.

**October 9-11. Denver, CO.** American Association of Children's Residential Centers. Linking Together: Reaching the Summit. Contact: 877-332-2272.

October 23-25. San Jose, CA. 2003 Healthy Communities – Healthy Youth Conference. Visit: <http://www.search-institute.org/hchy/hchy2003>.